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STRIKERS' ANXIETY.

A Union Secretary Sent to Prison.

"Well maintained" is the Government's description of the situation. The vast machinery set in motion to safeguard the people's supplies of foods and necessities of life is working marvellously.

Many strikers are betraying anxiety lest they acted unconstitutionally in coming out, and there is now a keen desire to re-establish the dispute on a purely industrial basis.

OUR TO HOUR POINTS.

Yesterday was the seventh day of the general strike. The week opened with an appreciable all-round improvement in transport.

Three hundred Cambridge undergraduates went to Hull to assist in unloading at the docks. Numerous Oxford undergraduates are working at the docks at Southampton.

Food supplies and volunteer labour are ample.

A demonstration of 20,000 strikers at Norwich was peacefully conducted. "Our front remains unbroken," declares a Trades Union Congress communiqué.

The Congress has received a message from the Master of Balliol and the Master of Oxford University (sic) hoping that nothing will be allowed to stand in the way of an attempt to resume negotiations.

Mrs. Marjorie Pollitt, wife of the Communist leader, Mr. Harry Pollitt, has been remanded at Bow Street on a charge of being in possession of documents likely to cause disaffection.

A seaman at Greenwich has received three months' hard labour for urging the crowd to get about the Police. Three others were sentenced to a month and two months.

The Danish Trades Union Congress has decided to send the British Unions 50,000 kroner weekly.

The International Federation of Trade Unions has requested all centres to open relief funds for the British strikers. The Dutch Federation has sent a first instalment of £50,000.

Several cases were heard at London, Nuneaton, Middlesbrough, Chesterfield, and Newcastle of rioting, impeding the Police, and circulating false news. The sentences ranged from a month to three months' hard labour.

Alexander Auld, local Secretary of the General Workers' Union at Shap, has gone to prison for three months for urging the workers not to join the Special Constabulary.

Three railway accidents—the first since the strike—occurred yesterday.

An official communiqué by the Government describes the situation as well maintained. Arrangements for the distribution of milk, food, and petrol were yesterday the most successful since the strike. The unloading and transportation of commodities is approaching normality. The position in regard to the supply of light and power is satisfactory.

The railway services have improved, and one-fifth of the regular staffs are working. Disturbances are few, and the Police have complete control everywhere.

In the Commons Mr. Lloyd George ventilated a grievance that the broadcasting authorities had refused to issue the Archbishop of Canterbury, and that it was not published in the "British Gazette." He was placated by Mr. Winston Churchill promising insertion in the British Gazette at the earliest possible.

Tramway men have resumed work at several centres and at Bath railwaymen signed on as non-Unionists.

A British wireless message says that no fresh development has occurred anywhere. Although some men are returning to work there is no indication of a general move in this direction.

There are signs of increasing anxiety amongst a section of the

strikers on the constitutional issue with a general desire to re-establish the dispute on a purely industrial basis.

Omnibus services in all counties South of the Thames are running punctually.

At Liverpool 26 ships were docked and undocked during the week-end and 30 yesterday. Passengers at this and other ports are conveyed to their destinations without delay.

The Ballarat, from Australia and South Africa, reached Plymouth with 460 passengers, who left for London by special train.

Striking statements are issued by the railway companies illustrating the manner in which they are counteracting the strike.

The Stock Exchange was quiet, with a favourable tendency, industrialists being harder.

A great milk depot at Hyde Park is being supplied so well by the railways that lorries are being diverted to other uses.

Two hundred vessels brought in 2,000 tons of fish yesterday. Very reasonable prices are being maintained.

The bunkering stations near Rotterdam are most active and the men have completely disregarded the Trade Unions' appeal to refuse to bunker British coal.

From Paris it is reported that the National Federation of Maritime Labour and Port and Dock Labourers are forbidding unemployed seamen to serve on British ships.

French seamen refuse to work on French coal ships bound for Great Britain and have ordered the dockers not to coal or victual British vessels.

The derailment of an express from Edinburgh is believed to be due to foul play by strikers. The Belfast Dockers have struck.

TRANSPORT IMPROVES.

Detailed Review of the Position.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 10.

The week opened with an appreciable all-round improvement in transport as evidenced by improved train schedules posted at the stations.

Motor buses are running on most of the routes, and their capacity is in no way overtaxed. "Volunteers are arriving everywhere in gratifying numbers."

London and Home Counties. Official announcements show that the situation in London and the Home Counties is unchanged. Ample transport is available at all sub-centres.

Three hundred Cambridge undergraduates went to Hull yesterday to assist in unloading at the docks.

The London area is generally quiet, though a police sergeant was struck with a hammer and a special constable was stabbed in the back at Nine Elms.

North-Western Division. The situation in the North-Western Division is that transport is moving satisfactorily.

There have been no developments regarding the proposed strike of lairings at the Birkenhead flour mills, but on the whole the situation is easier.

Northern Division. The Northern Division is fairly well supplied with food. It was unnecessary for the Haulage Committee to provide transport on Sunday.

South-Western Division. The situation in the South-Western Division is normal, and it is well furnished with newspapers. A number of strikers are driving back to Plymouth.

MONEY COMING?

CHINESE MERCHANTS' BANK DIVIDEND.

CANTON KEEPS OUT.

Little has been heard of the Chinese Merchants' Bank Ltd., which suddenly closed its doors some time ago. It is now stated that order has been evolved and a first dividend may be paid. So much has been intimated as creditors have been asked to register their claims by the end of this month.

According to rumours in business circles, about 20 per cent. is expected in the first dividend. Anything further will depend on the results of recovery from the Bank's alleged debtors.

It will be recalled that the Bank was interested mainly in the rice trade, with offices at Shanghai, Canton, Saigon and Singapore.

The Canton accounts have not been handed over to the liquidator, it is stated. Representatives of depositors (or creditors) of that branch, together with leading merchants are said to have been recognised—it is not known by what process or authority—as a committee to wind up the affairs at Canton. Therefore, that branch will not come into the general scheme of liquidation.

Popular opinion is that about \$800,000 owing to Hongkong creditors—or rather, by the Hongkong office—will rank for dividend.

Some transport workers at Bristol who were called out at private flour mills applied for work elsewhere, where they were unknown.

North-Eastern Division. As regards the North-Eastern Division all is quiet at Leeds, Hull, Sheffield, York, and other large towns.

Volunteers are freely responding.

Midland Division. In the Midland Division there are improved train services.

In the North Midland Division there are ample volunteer labour and road transport.

Food ships are being unloaded at Grimsby, and the contents being dispatched without difficulty.

In the South Midland Division the road transport workers have remained at work on a considerable scale except at Southampton.

Volunteers are coming in in such numbers that the supply available for electrical and mechanical work exceeds the present needs.

Numerous Oxford undergraduates are working at the docks.

Eastern Division. The Eastern Division is all quiet. A demonstration of 20,000 strikers at Norwich was peacefully conducted, there being no inflammatory speeches.

"FRONT UNBROKEN"

Trade Union Congress Claims.

London, May 10.

A Trades Union Congress communiqué states: "Our front remains unbroken" and the difficulty is to keep other men in pending any decision to call them out.

It quotes a message from the National Union of Railwaymen declaring that reports that some men have returned to work at different centres has been proved to be entirely without foundation.

It also quotes a message from the Transport Workers Union that all are solid and their spirit wonderful.

A Queer Message. The communiqué adds that the Trades Union Congress has received a message from the Master of Balliol and the Master of Oxford University (sic) earnestly hoping for the future peace and unity of the country and that nothing may be allowed to stand in the way of an attempt to resume the negotiations.

The senders state that this resolution was signed by 88 Fellows and 130 other graduates.

WOMAN CHARGED.

Unlawful Possession of Lying Documents.

London, May 10.

Mrs. Marjorie Pollitt, wife of the Communist leader, Mr. Harry Pollitt, was charged at Bow Street Police Court with the unlawful possession of documents.

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TRAFFIC DAY.

WEEKLY POLICE COURT CASES.

EUROPEANS' EVIDENCE.

A long list of traffic prosecutions, mostly against Chinese, was dealt with by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. W. Brodie was charged with passing a stationary tram car at the junction of Queen's Road East and Arsenal Street on April 19.

An Indian constable stated in evidence that when he pointed out the irregularity the accused said "maskee" and continued to drive away his car.

Accused claimed that he was standing there and was forced to move on to allow the passengers to alight from a tram car which pulled up alongside. This plea being accepted, the summons was dismissed.

Dangerous Driving.

Giving evidence against a Chinese charged with dangerous driving of a car, Mr. Henry Humphreys said that the accused shot round Statue Square at about 25 miles an hour and narrowly missed a collision with his car. Witness had just time to turn round and note the number.

Accused estimated his speed at 20 miles an hour, but even this was held to be excessive. He was fined \$25.

Dangerous driving and causing a nuisance by sounding his horn continuously in Chater Road were charged against another Chinese driver, who tendered a plea of guilty on the second charge and denied the other.

"Some of you drivers seem to think that your horn is a kind of toy," remarked the Magistrate, when Mr. J. H. Brister gave evidence of the continual tooting along Chater Road and also estimated the speed of the car at 25 miles an hour.

Accused claimed that it was impossible to go at that speed owing to the road being congested with rickshaws and other traffic. Fines of \$20 for dangerous driving and \$10 for sounding his horn unnecessarily were imposed.

On charges of failing to produce his driving licence when asked to do so and passing a moving vehicle on the wrong side of the road, Mr. S. L. Yen, manager of the Dragon Garage, was fined \$5 for each offence.

THE WEATHER.

For the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow the forecast is S.E. winds, moderate; fair.

The Observatory report issued at 11 o'clock this morning states that pressure has increased slightly at Chefoo and has decreased moderately to slightly elsewhere. The Chinese depression is moving eastward across Korea. Another depression is shown over Indo-China.

A CANTON "ROW."

Several serious casualties are reported as a result of a fracas at Kwangtung University, Canton, on May 7 (National Humiliation Day). The Leftists of the Kuomintang assembled at the University and are alleged to have assaulted a number of men suspected of opposing political views. The Rightists held their demonstration at East Parade ground.

A Chinese boy received injuries to the forehead when he was knocked down by a taxi at Queen's Road East yesterday. He was sent to the Government Civil Hospital, but not detained.

During a search on the s.s. "Empress of Canada" a Chinese revenue officer found 540 rounds of ammunition. No arrests being made, an order was made at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for confiscation of the ammunition.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate on the dollar market was 2/8 1/2 at 10.

SUMMING UP.

CHIEF JUSTICE ON JOINT CHARGES.

"NO EMBARRASSMENT"

Proof Of Criminal Agreement Necessary.

In his summing up at this morning's hearing of the case, as presented for and against the two prisoners charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud the Wing On Company of \$50,000, His Lordship made mention first of the fact that the two had been called upon to answer jointly, at least in regard to the first count. It may have seemed to the jury something in the nature of a hardship, said His Lordship, but he thought he could assure them that in fact it had not caused either embarrassment in the presentation of their case.

With regard to the first count, there was an element in the evidence of alleged conspiracy peculiar to it, viz. consisting in an alleged agreement between the alleged conspirators. As a general rule if a man was brought up on a charge it was necessary to prove that he did certain criminal acts, in the case of stealing that he took and carried away an article with the intention of converting it to his own use. But the peculiarity of conspiracy was that an agreement had to be proved between two or more to commit a criminal offence or unlawfully by criminal means. The first fact the jury had to bear in mind as necessary for the proving of the constitution of an offence and for a verdict of guilty to be in their minds established was that two persons should have been involved in the series of acts which went to make up the alleged offence.

Agreement Necessary.

For instance, supposing they found that the first prisoner had done the alleged forgeries they must bear in mind that the charge involved the agreement in a conspiracy of others. Mere agreement was all that was necessary to constitute the offence but it was in fact very rarely in which mere agreement alone was proved. If people, for instance, were to enter for criminal purposes into a written criminal agreement the chances were that no evidence other than the proving of the document and of the genuineness of the signatures would be adduced. As a general rule, however, facts going to prove criminal intentions were produced.

But persons acting with criminal intent did not as a rule enter into a written partnership. What one usually found in a case of this kind was an allegation that conspiracy had been formed and a series of facts produced in evidence from which the jury were asked to judge whether or not the inference could be drawn that the acts were committed in the pursuance of common criminal purposes. Such was the nature of the charges in this case. It was stated that the prisoners formed an agreement and entered into a conspiracy to defraud and that in pursuance of that agreement they did certain acts from which agreement itself could be inferred.

Another feature of the case of conspiracy to which His Lordship addressed the special attention of the jury was that supposing they were in fact satisfied that conspiracy was proved against the two prisoners, acts by 1 in furtherance of criminal purpose would be evidence against the others. The same applied if conspiracy was proved and acts were proved against 2 in furtherance of criminal purpose. The proof would be evidence against 1. But the jury must first of all be satisfied that conspiracy had been established.

In order for people to be convicted of conspiracy, continued His Lordship, it was not necessary that they should have joined in the conspiracy at one and the same time. If conspiracy was proved and one of the conspirators had joined at a later date than the commencement of conspiracy, he was equally guilty with the others.

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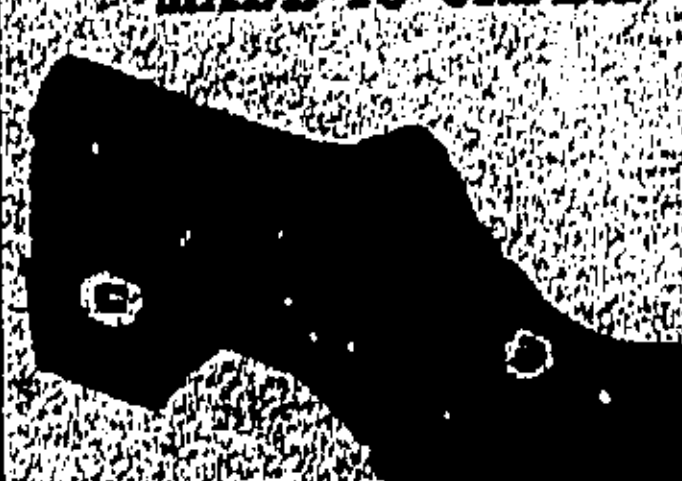
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TACOMA MARU Thursday, 3rd June.

SUMATRA MARU Saturday 18th June.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SANUKI MARU Thursday, 27th May.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

SEKOU MARU Wednesday, 2nd June.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Singapore and Japan.

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NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

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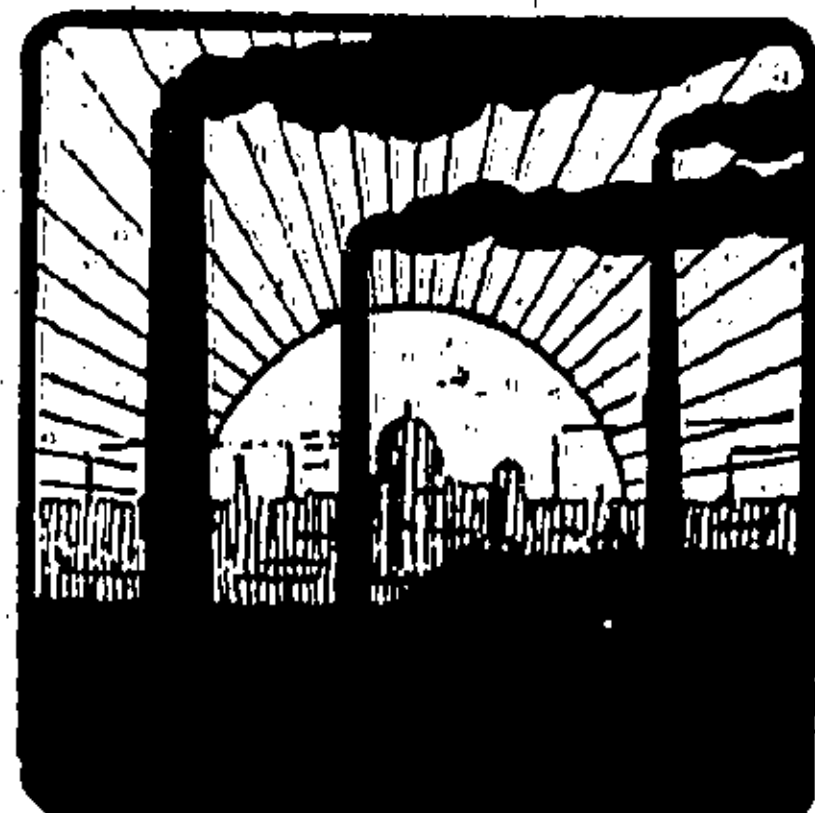
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Hongkong.**\$35,000 CLAIM.**ALLEGED DETENTION OF
STEAMER.**COASTAL SALVAGE.**

A local coasting steamer, under Portuguese registry, is alleged to have been detained at Tourane in connection with a claim for \$35,000 for salvage.

Some days ago, the "Nam Wah" damaged her tail shaft and was anchored off the Indo-China coast. Subsequently she was towed to port by a French steamer. It is now stated that a claim for \$35,000 has been put forward, for several hundred miles' towage and the "Nam Wah" detained. However, it may be that the boat has not completed repairs.

The Tat Sing Navigation Co., of Hongkong, in answer to an inquiry, state that their ship is not at, but near Tourane. They understand that she is being detained in connection with the claim.

The "Kasara" (Captain T. R. Nicol), which is under Chinese registry, has arrived here from Tourane. She brought back the captain and crew of 17 of the "Nam Wah".

LATEST CHANGES.FORSAKING BRITISH
REGISTRY?

A good deal of interest has been aroused in the local river steamer "San Nip", which has been tied up at her wharf, along the Praya, for months and is now reported as about to leave.

A reliable source says that the registry of the ship will be, or has been changed from British to Chinese; that she may be put on the Kongmoon or Canton run; and that a new crew is being procured from Canton to enter the new phase of service.

Up till noon to-day no clearance had been taken out but it is expected that she will soon be active again, under the same owners, but new registry.

Yesterday the "Batavia" left Hongkong for Amoy under the new name of "Umkan", now that she has been changed from British to Chinese registry. She will be on the coastal run again.

LOCAL SHIPPING.TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND
CLEARANCES.**THE MORNING LIST.**

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—

Empress of Canada (12811) Br. from Manila; C. P. S.

Pakhoi (1227) Br. from Shanghai; Amoy; B. S.

Tamaha (4047) Br. from San Pedro; Standard Oil.

Vogland (4200) Ger. from Hamburg; Miri; Jebek.

Japan Arrow (5176) Am. from Calcutta; Standard Oil.

Amur Maru (4823) Jap. from Kobe; Shanghai; O. S. K.

Tokima Maru (4281) Jap. from Kobe; Holo; N. Y. K.

Daiboshi Maru (2433) Jap. from Dairen; Takao; M. B. K.

Kasara (608) Chinese, from Tourane; Fu Kuen.

Chiat An (112) Chinese, from Amoy; Wong Man-tin.

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The Motor vessel "Malayan Prince" from New York sailed from Shanghai on the 10th inst. and is expected to arrive here on 13th instant.

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BRITISH FILMS."THE LOVE STORY OF ALIETTE
BRUNTON."SHOWN TO-DAY AT THE
QUEEN'S.

It is not our task here to comment upon the literary quality of Gilbert Frankau's novel, for that has already been done by the book reviewers. "The Love Story of Aliette Brunton" had record sale; and as the author himself has expressed in a letter to Sir Oswald Stoll, his immense satisfaction with the manner in which it has been adapted to the screen, it must be almost a foregone conclusion that the film is assured of more than ordinary success. We must confess that we incline to the opinion that a little more subtlety in the method of portrayal might have added still more to its interest, but that is by the way. The chief point, and it is one that cannot be overlooked, is that thousands of people have read the novel and will want to see it dramatized, and that furthermore the screen version keeping well to the published story, should not disappoint them.

Hector Brunton, an up-to-date and successful K.C., holds antiquated ideas about a wife being the personal property of the husband, although, fortunately for him, he professes other ideas in the conduct of his profession. Because he has proved unfaithful, Aliette refuses him admission to her room, and, in fact, and herself attracted by Ronald Cavendish, a young barrister. Despite all the pressure they can bring to bear, Hector refuses to divorce her, and in a murder case concerning one Lucy Towers, resorts even to perjury to hang the woman in order to humble Ronald, who is standing for the defence. He is defeated, however, by the other's disclosure of his lies; but it is only after a severe thrashing from Ronald that his ardour to possess Aliette is cooled and the petition for divorce filed, which opens up the path of happiness to the two lovers.

This is the popular sort of story that in these days goes down remarkably well. At times we felt rather sorry for Hector, who did not appear to be half the dog we were led to expect. Isobel Elsom plays both the part of Aliette Brunton and the role which offers her great opportunities as Lucy Towers; her make-up in the latter role being extremely well done. Henry Victor, as Ronald Cavendish is the lover, with James Carew as the surly and stupid Hector Brunton. In the supporting cast is Mrs. Haydon Coffin, Minnie Leslie, and H. Humberston Wright, who all meet the demands upon them adequately.

At the private screening last week the film was favourably received, the opening scenes of the hunt and the cross-country run being greeted with enthusiastic applause. The court scenes too are well staged, and so is the murder of the bestial William Towers, for which the wife stands trial.

The following is the cast: Isobel Elsom plays Aliette Brunton, Lucy Towers. Mrs. Haydon Coffin, Julia Cavendish. Minnie Leslie, Maggie Paterson. Lewis Gilbert, William Towers. H. Humberston Wright, Rear Admiral "Billy" Brunton. James Carew, Hector Brunton, K.C. Henry Victor, Ronald Cavendish.

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DEATH.

NICOL.—At the Italian Convent
Hospital, at 3.30 p.m., yester-
day, Mrs. Maude Nicol, the
dearly beloved wife of Cap-
tain Thomas Reid Nicol. The
funeral will pass the Monu-
ment to-day at 5.30 p.m.

Hongkong, Tuesday, May 11, 1926.

CABLES WITH A MORAL.

Amongst the numerous cables
regarding the general strike being
received here from Home it is to
be hoped that the loyal Chinese
Press will deem it fit and proper
to publish those portions showing
how the Government is dealing
with agitators and rioters and
all who stand in the way of the
people being supplied with food-
stuffs and other necessities of
life. They should also note, for
the information of their readers,
that convictions were obtained at
various Police Courts in England
yesterday for impeding the
Police and circulating false news,
whilst a Trade Union local
Secretary was sentenced to three
months' imprisonment for urging
the workers not to join the
special constabulary.

The moral is there if it can pro-
perly be brought home to those
who may be most in need of it,
even although the possibility of
any fresh outbreak of industrial
trouble in this Colony may seem
extremely remote. British Gov-
ernments, Home and overseas,
may appear sentimental and soft
at times, when the "matted fist"
might bring more immediate
practical results, but once the
dogs of industrial war are set
loose by the agitators and ex-
tremists, these same Governments
have the happy knack of bringing
into being powerful machinery
for the protection of the populace
and for the safeguarding of the
supplies of food and necessities
of life. With that machinery
they will brook no interference.
The strikers may waver or the
strikers may rally, but that
machinery remains unimpaired
so long as the crisis exists.

On the average the Trade
Unionists at Home are sane and
reasonable even when out on
strike. But there are naturally
black sheep in every flock, and
these are lured on to acts of
obstruction and violence by the
hoofbeats of those who are found in every
country. These hoofbeats toll
neither do they warn, whether

there is or is not a strike; nor is
the issue at stake in any particu-
lar dispute of the slightest
moment to them. They are out
to create trouble, and they care
not a tinker's damn whether or
not that trouble is the forerunner
of bloodshed. The story of the
general strike at Home, so far as
it goes, bears this out to the letter.

There have been isolated cases of
actual Trade Unionists and Com-
munists being convicted of
breaches of the Emergency
Regulations, but these cannot be
charged with the most serious
disturbances that have occurred,
particularly in what is known as
London's Dockland, where all the
riff-riff of the Seven Seas appear
to congregate.

But as in Calcutta recently and
in Hongkong itself last year the
rowdies at Home are up against
those whose business it is to
maintain law and order and who
are determined to stand "no
damned nonsense" from the law
breakers. And in the end
Authority must prevail. That
lesson is well worth repeating in
the vernacular as well as the
other newspapers of the Colony,
for in this as in many other things
the public memory is proverbially
short. And in itself the lesson
and its moral are in an indirect
way propaganda of a very useful
nature.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EMPIRE DAY.

(To the Editor of the China Mail)

Sir,—I hope that all British
people and loyal subjects, resi-
dents in this Colony, had not
failed to read the letter in your
last Friday's issue from the
Chairman and Vice-Chairman of
the Empire Day Movement ap-
pealing for a more keener obser-
vance of the Imperial Anniver-
sary by British people abroad. It
must have been known that the
patriotic spirit overseas is not
too warm that necessitated the
circulation of the letter, and
though many may regret the
action taken they should rightly
bear in mind that their sense of
duty in keeping green the im-
mortal memory of Queen Victoria
is far more obligatory than being
directed to observe. All im-
portant events at Home are cele-
brated by impressive scenes and
there is no reason whatever why
the custom is not followed here.
Save for the King's Birthday
Parade and within recent years
the Ceremony at the Cenotaph, as
an outcome of the Great War,
other observances have been
very scanty here. Splendid op-
portunity is offered for the
gathering of the Empire's citizens
when with the imposing statues
as we have in Statue Square, that
an impressive pilgrimage could be
formed, say, to the Victoria
Memorial on Empire Day with the
reading of prayers, the laying of
wreaths by the Governor and
others, and a grand march past
by the Army and Navy and the
other Services of the Empire.
Since the Cenotaph ceremony
though a short service could well
be undertaken yearly. What
excuse is there for not holding a
similar service at the Victoria
Memorial? I hope that the
Church, the Army and Navy and
all other loyal citizens would fall
in with my suggestion and the
Governor-in-Council to recipi-
tate the loyal wishes of the people
by holding same.

Yours etc,
C. W. Y. Y.
Hongkong, May 11, 1926.

SUMMING UP.

(Continued from Page 1.)

What is Forgery?

With regard to the presenta-
tion of the two documents alleged
to have been forged by the
Crown, His Lordship read a por-
tion from the local ordinance de-
fining forgery as the making of
forged documents in order that
they might be used as genuine,
the document being false within
the meaning of the Ordinance if it
was wholly forged or any material
part of it.

The jury must thus have real-
ized that if the case for the pro-
secution was correct, both "Emma"
and "Nina" might be regarded
as forgeries. That was more or
less accepted and had not been
stressed in the addresses of coun-
sel by reason of this fact.

There was one other point to
which he would direct the jury's
attention, continued His Lordship.
No criminal case appeared first at
the Sessions but had to be heard
before a magistrate first. No man
charged with a criminal
offence before the magistrate was
bound to make his defence and
disclose it before the magistrate.
He had the opportunity to do so
if he so desired but he was not
legally bound to do so. But, on
the other hand he could not ex-

ABOUT YOUR RENT.

Kowloon residents who have
not yet replied to the ques-
tionnaire regarding the Rents Re-
striction Ordinance are remind-
ed that the replies should be
posted to the secretary
(K.R.A.) at once so that he may
receive them before noon to-
morrow.

pect to have it both ways. If he
preferred to spring his evidence
as something in the nature of a
surprise for the prosecution at the
trial he got a certain advantage
and the law says he is entitled to
do so. But he could not claim
that his evidence was in every
way equal to that of the prosecu-
tion. It had to be borne in mind
that opportunity had been given
at the magistracy to test the
evidence adduced by the prosecu-
tion and that if the true defence
was withheld at the magistracy
no opportunity had been given to
test it. It was only fair to the
prisoners to say that when
charged they denied at the
earliest opportunity the charges
brought against them and to
the prosecution that they had
had time to produce matter on
which to rely for rebutting the
charges which were in course of
formation against them.

Onus on Crown.

The onus of bringing home the
guilt of the prisoners, it should
be borne in mind, was on the
Crown. It was necessary for the
case against the two men to be
proved beyond all reasonable
doubt. "You cannot expect abso-
lute certainty in matters of this
kind," said His Lordship. "What
the law requires is not absolute
conviction in your minds, with
regard to guilt but a reasonably
belief that the facts proved on
behalf of the prosecution point to
the guilt of the accused. You
must be satisfied beyond all rea-
sonable doubt that the charge has
been brought home."

His Lordship then went on to
deal with the evidence, the first
conflict in which, he stated, was
with regard to the actual deposit
of the book, the first prisoner stat-
ing that he himself had taken
the book to the Wing On Company
and the cashier stating definitely
that it was not the first prisoner
who brought it. He had intend-
ed reading the evidence on the
point of general procedure when
an account was opened but as it
was more or less common ground
he would refrain from so doing.

There had also been conflict of
evidence, as to the withdrawals,
the cashier and assistant cashier
deposing to having refused to
allow the \$1,000 to remain in the
account which it was stated the
depositor wished to leave. There
could be little doubt as to the
money having been drawn out on
"Emma" and that it was drawn
out on a forged document, said
His Lordship.

Turning to Chan Sam's evi-
dence, His Lordship referred once
more to the need for association
in a common criminal purpose to
be proved. The Crown had pro-
duced a certain amount of evi-
dence alleging to show association
between the respective parties.
As Chan Sam's evidence had been
taken at an early stage and it was
necessary to have his exact words
clearly before their minds, he
proposed reading over his full
evidence to them.

With regard to Chan Sam's
evidence, the contradiction of Mr.
Ho Cheuk-pang with regard to
knowledge of and meeting with
the second prisoner, was a matter
which the jury should give the
closest possible attention when
they were testing the credibility
of Chan Sam's evidence. No

reason had been given as to why
such a witness should go to the
court and give false evidence on
such a point.

The Alleged Confession.
The defence continued His
Lordship, asks very pertinently
why the confession deposed to by
Chan should ever have been
made. It seems foolish, but
people did do foolish things.
There was no reason why the
second prisoner should have told
Chan Sam what he was alleged to
have done but he might have
done.

The jury should bear in mind,
too, that when Chan Sam made
his last visit to Mr. Brutton's
office he said he knew the case
being brought by Au Kim-lui was
based on a gross fraud. If he
knew that, one would have thought
he would have backed out at once.
Dr. Ng and Mr. Hugh Jones had
also given more or less direct
evidence bearing on the question
of association.

With regard to the receipt book
purporting to refer to the amounts
collected in Canton by Au for
what he stated was the purpose of
starting a Bank it was quite
likely, as the prosecution suggest-
ed, that the money was collected
for the purpose supplying funds
to make the deposit with the Wing
On Company. The defence to
that was that the book was pro-
duced to Mr. Hugh Jones in
September of last year. The pro-
secution, again, had pointed out
that there had been no opportunity
of going into the subject of the book
of receipts. No witness had been
brought by the defence with re-
gard to the books. It was solely
a matter for the jury and it would
be a serious matter to ignore
evidence which had not been
shaken.

The Absconding Prisoner.
With regard to the three ac-
counts alleged to have been open-
ed by Fok, the third prisoner who
absconded, three documents
had been found on his premises.
Fok was not there but it was
material to consider whether the
possession of them was not some
evidence showing that about this
time three separate accounts had
been opened by Fok. To allow
of the forgeries being made it
would be necessary to have books
showing how the books of the
Wing On Company were made up.

Nothing Fok did could be re-
garded as evidence against the
accused, said His Lordship, un-
less they found that there was a
conspiracy in which Fok and the
two others were engaged, in
which case anything concerning
Fok would be evidence against
them both.

His Lordship continued to read
evidence and referred to Tam
Lay's. The sheets which he said
he had taken to Lam, the second
prisoner, were similar to those in
"Emma." His evidence was im-
portant because it would be neces-
sary for forgers to have sheets
like those of the Wing On books.
The fact that Tam Lay had re-
fused to give his Dock number
had no bearing on the witness's
credibility, said His Lordship. He
wished to make that perfectly
clear.

His Lordship continued to read
evidence for the rest of the morn-
ing's hearing and it is likely that
the hearing will be concluded to-
day.

In Ten Minutes?

Concluding his address for the
prosecution yesterday afternoon,
Mr. Jenkin said that the case for
the first prisoner as it had been
put in the Sessions hearing could
have been stated in ten minutes.
This case had not, however, been
put at the Police Court hearing
in spite of the fact that Au
should have been able to put it
in detail at any time during the
two years before his arrest.

With regard to the second pri-
soner, was it a coincidence, asked
counsel, that whilst Au and Fok
were in Canton alleged to be col-
lecting money for a certain pur-
pose, that Lam, the second pri-
soner, was also there buying
printing type for the first time
in his life? Commenting on the
evidence for Lam, Mr. Jenkin
said that there had been great
confusion in the witnesses for the
defence as to who was employed
in the printing shop.

In conclusion, counsel asked the
jury to find that the two men in
the dock and the man who had
absconded had raised and planted
the \$50,000 with the Wing On in
order to withdraw it twice.
If the jury believed that the
label was taken off "Nina" with
the privacy of Au and if they be-
lieved that Lam had meetings
with this action, and if they be-
lieved that Lam knew that the
money had already been with-
drawn, it would be clear that Lam
was in party with Au in the
uttering of the book in May
whereby they got money wrongly
from the Wing On, then they
would bring in a verdict of guilty.
If they believed that Lam was
making labels in Canton, then
they could have no doubt that it
was for the purpose of aiding and
abetting Au in securing the
wrongful presentation of the
book.

AT GENEVA.

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Geneva, May 10.

M. Morin, of Switzerland, has
been elected Chairman.

Mr. Thomas Le Breton, Argen-
tina, has been appointed Chair-
man of the committee for the
reorganisation of the League
Council. As Vice-Chairman of
the Council he has decided in
favour of the principle of holding
the sittings in public.

Unanimity Essential.

To-day's proceedings resulted
in a general agreement that any
modification in the Covenant was
not desirable and that the rule
that the Council's decisions must
be unanimous should be maintain-
ed.

THEFTS.

LOSSES FROM CHINESE
DWELLINGS.

TWO PROSECUTIONS.

Several thefts from dwellings
were reported to have occurred
yesterday.

The occupants of No. 23, Hill
Road, third floor (western district)
lost clothing to the value of \$125.60.
Access was gained by creeping
along the verandah of an adjoining
house which was vacant.

Property to the value of \$64 was
taken at each of two places—No.
250, Queen's Road West and No. 184
Shanghai Street, Yau-mat. The
loss at the latter place included an
electric massage machine.

At No. 54, Main Street, Shaan-
wan, thieves took clothing and
jewellery to the value of \$187.

Bank Note Theft.

A Chinese servant girl was
charged with stealing a \$500 Bank
note from a widow living at No. 32,
Third Street.

It appeared that the complainant's
daughter opened the safe to place
a bangle and forgot to lock it. One
of seven \$500 notes was later
found to be missing. The servant
girl admitted that she stole the
money at the request of a pork
dealer at the market who promised
to release her from a woman who
acted as her mistress.

The girl repeated in Court that
she handed the money to the pork
dealer. This was denied by the
man. There being no witness to
support the girl's story, she was
sent to prison for six weeks.

Stolen Awnings.

Acting on information given by
a lodger, a detective arrested a
Chinese for stealing two canvas
awnings from a shop at Connaught
Road West.

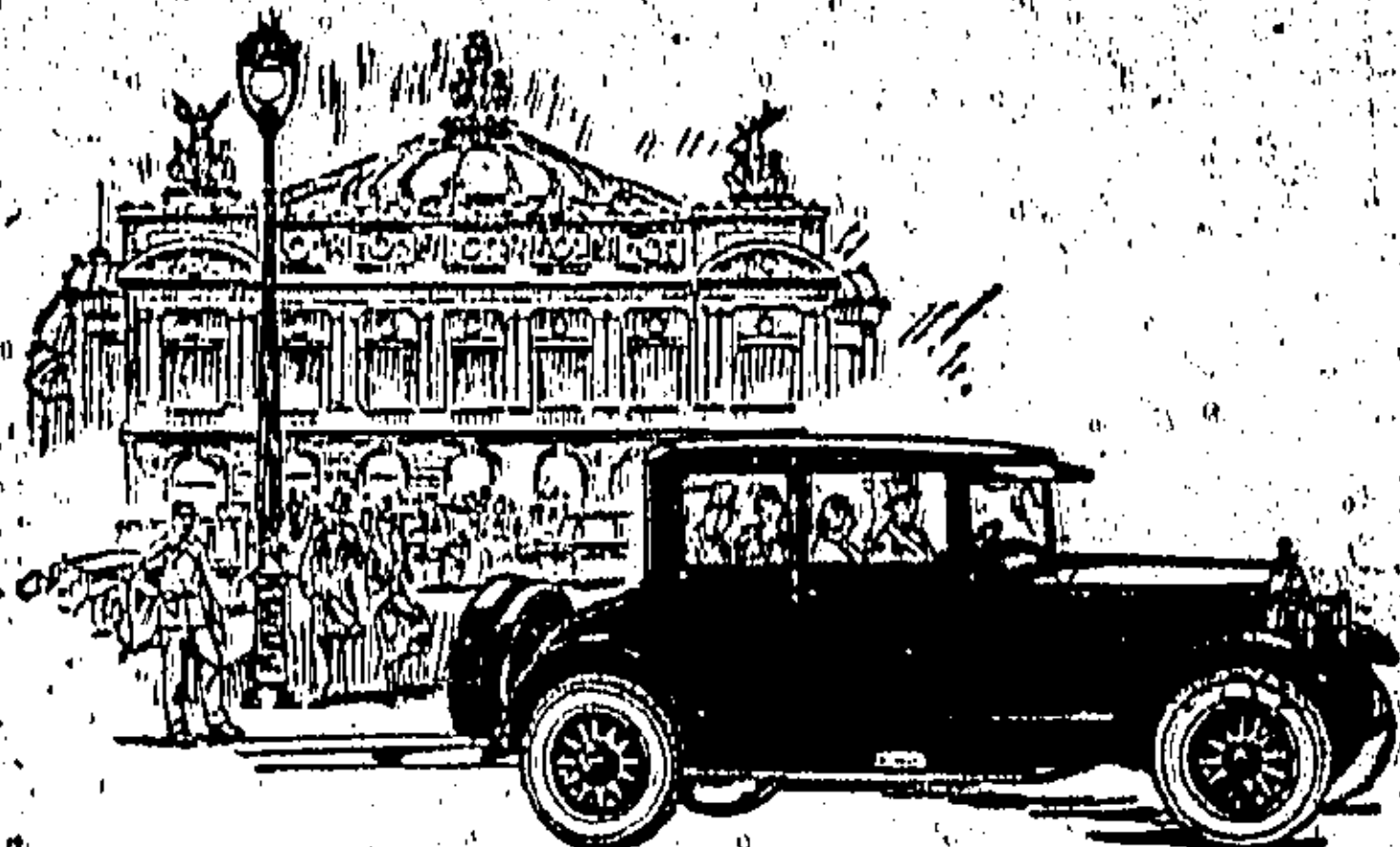
The arrested man gave an accom-
plice away and he was also secured
at Centre Street.

Both men were sentenced to un-
dergo three weeks' hard labour on
a charge of larceny of the awnings.

SOLDIERS THREE.

Captain Gee, a distinguished
V.C. and M.P. has expressed
his opinion that "Mr. Kipling's
Soldiers Three" is the most
cowardly and dastardly book
ever written on the British
Tommy Atkins. A correspon-
dent writes to an English paper
that Captain Gee does not know
what he is talking about, for he
certainly can have neither know-
ledge nor experience of the
particular type of soldier describ-
ed by Mr. Kipling in that book.
The papers, later published under
the title of "Soldiers Three," first
appeared in the "Civil" and
Military Gazette—the Lahore
paper—in 1886, at a date when
Captain Gee was only ten years
old, and he did not enter the
Army, according to "Who's
Who," until 1898. "Soldiers
Three" was at the time generally
accepted by the majority of men
serving in India in the British
Army of that day, as a very fair
and accurate presentation of a
type which was then dying out
and has long since entirely dis-
appeared, possibly to the ad-
vantage of the Army—possibly
not.

After reading the famous poem,
"The Landing of the Pilgrims,"
to the class, the teacher said,
"As a drawing lesson, suppose
you each draw, according to your
imagination, a picture of 'Plym-
outh Rock.'"
All but one little fellow set to
work. He pointed and finally
raised his hand.
"What is it, Sir?" asked the
teacher.
"Plymouth Rock," he answered.
"But you want us to draw a
rock or a coast?"



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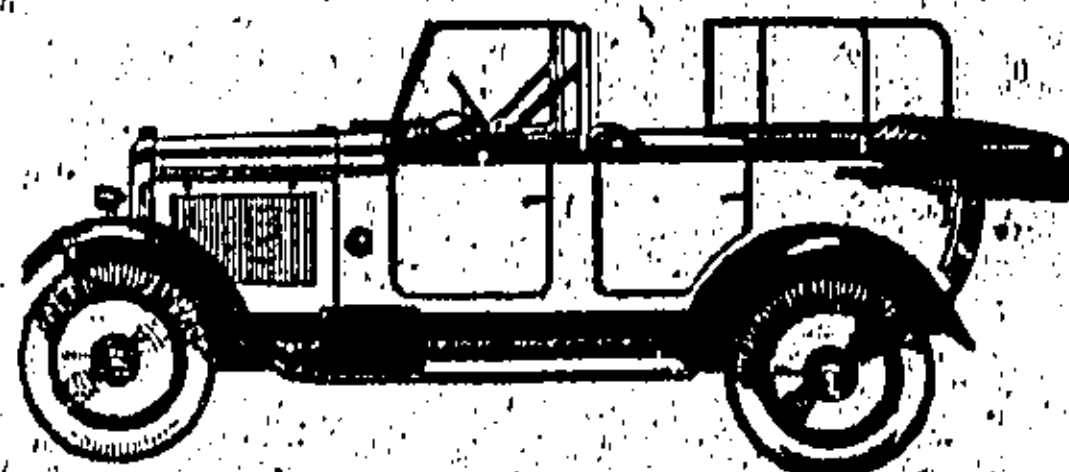
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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Washington, April 30.—It is believed the Spanish war pension bill of \$18,000,000 would increase the expected treasury deficit to \$40,000,000.

Besides the parade of a few thousand workmen at Kobe on May Day, close upon 1,000 labourers demonstrated at Amagasaki. Two hundred arrests were made during the parades in Tokyo, where the police exercised unusually strict surveillance. In Osaka, 91 persons were detained by the police until the conclusion of the parades.

At an inquiry held at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday into the death of a Shantung constable whose body was found in King's Park, evidence was given that the deceased was missing from the station. A search was instituted at midnight without any result and the following morning the search party found the body on the hillside. The inquiry was adjourned.

Eight Chinese, sentenced to death for armed robbery and kidnapping in the French Concession and the Foreign Settlement, Shanghai, were put to death by the Chinese authorities at Lungwa yamen on May 1. One man was beheaded by the official executioner, and the other seven expiated their crimes before a military firing squad. The man who was beheaded had a murder of a policeman to his discredit.

London, Ont., April 3.—Great headway by the Girl Guide movement in the Province of Ontario was reported at the annual convention held here, this week. The report of the provincial secretary, Mrs. Allan McLean, showed a record of 5,225 Girl Guides in Ontario, classified into 222 "rangers," 1,593 "brownies" and 15 cadets. There are 67 local associations and 43 commissioned officers.

Further evidence was taken at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case against a Chinese managing partner of the Wing Shing Shing firm, Ko Shing Street, who stands charged with making alleged false statements to the Official Receiver and on other counts in regard to the accounts. With regard to the perjury charge, the defence argued that this could not be maintained, as the statements were made to the Official Receiver and that was part of judicial procedure. The case was adjourned until Thursday.

The Census Bureau estimates indicate that the population of the United States on August 1, will be more than 117,000,000.

A Chinese dentist was charged in the Singapore District Court, before Mr. P. A. F. David, with importing syringes without a permit from the P.C.M.O.

Berlin, April 30.—A huge fire is raging in Bucharest, South of the railway station. It was started by an explosion of numerous tank cars filled with alcohol. It is rumoured the fire was set so as to cover up certain fraudulent schemes.

New York, May 4.—All trans-Atlantic shipping companies have announced that ordinary schedules will be maintained between New York and English ports, in order to handle the unusually heavy traffic booked for Europe.

The construction of a great submarine base at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, a 1,000-foot pier and other extensive naval development is contemplated in an appropriation bill which was transmitted to Chairman Butler of the house committee on naval affairs recently.

Borrowing an idea from Red Indian and Japanese mothers, an inventor has devised a special harness which enables a mother to care for her baby while going about her household duties with hands free. Weight is so distributed that pressure on the shoulders is not uncomfortable.

San Diego, Calif., May 4.—The cruiser "Pittsburgh," 13,680 tons, will replace the cruiser "Huron" as flagship on the Asiatic station, according to naval operating plans for the fiscal year, 1927-1928 received at the Eleventh District headquarters from the navy department to-day.

A total of \$395,000 was raised for Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund by the sale of poppies on Armistice Day. This is \$45,000 more than the previous year's figure. Administration costs for the day were under 5 per cent, excluding the cost of the poppies, which are made by nearly 200 severely disabled ex-Servicemen. A letter has been received from the King stating that the collection is an achievement "of which all the workers for the British Legion may feel justly proud."

Sima, April 24.—It is notified that with effect from May 1, 1926, a fee of Rs. 150 will be levied in respect of each emigrant permitted by the protector of emigrant labour to embark for Ceylon.

The New York "World," commenting on the Houghton report, says: "What has Washington done all the winter if not to nag Europe about its monopolies, forgetting that Europe does not live in splendid isolation, and its moral turpitude."

Should women play cricket instead of tennis? At the annual general meeting of the Millom (Cumberland) Cricket Club some women tennis players asked that facilities should be provided for them to practise cricket regularly. The suggestion was turned down, one man declaring that it was "ridiculous."

Eighteen barrels and boxes of gelignite and cordite, 300 bombs, and 10,000 detonators, not to mention revolvers, small ammunition, bomb-making moulds, and a printing press, were among the contents of a dump seized in King Street, Dublin, on March 31. It is the biggest discovery of war material ever made in Dublin.

Hankow, April 27.—General Tang Sheng-chi of Hunan is reported to have made overtures of peace to Marshal Wu Pei-fu, through the Consular Body here, asking him to order his troops to stop their attack upon Changsha. Marshal Wu, however, with a view to recovering Hunan, has appointed General Yeh Kai-chin as Tuli of Hunan in an attempt with the assistance of Yu Yinsen, Commander on the 21st Hupeh Mixed Brigade, to inflict a vital defeat upon General Tang.

Peking, April 30.—Upon obtaining Marshal Chang Tso-lin's approval, Dr. W. W. Yen has decided to form a new Cabinet in a few days. General Wang Huai-chin is expected shortly to assume the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Metropolitan Forces. General Tien Wei-chin, who, by order of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, arrived here this morning on a mission to consult with leaders of the Fengtien troops as to measures to attack Nankow, returned to Changshien after consultation with General Chang Chung-chang.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. B. W. Ellis, who has been acting as British Resident, Tai-ping, during the Hon'ble Mr. Stonor's absence on leave, has returned to Kuala Lumpur.

The Hongkong Tea House Union has again called a meeting to discuss the petitioning of the Government, requesting that the employment of waitresses in Chinese tea houses should be prohibited in order to protect the waiters' livelihood. The Tea House Union has decided to request the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to advise the authorities in the matter.

The Reverend Brother Anthony, principal of St. Francis Xavier's College, Shanghai, has retired from his post and will take up his residence in Peking. He is succeeded by Brother Faust, the vice-president, one of the most popular men in Shanghai and a gentleman who has unostentatiously done excellent work for many years at the school, as well as rendered good service on the Parks Committee of the Council.

On April 29 the Asiatic Petroleum Building, Shanghai, was robbed of a brass fire hydrant cover and a lookout was kept for further similar thefts. On May 1 the police received a telephone message that the thief had been caught in the act of removing another brass cover and he was arrested. Later he appeared in the Mixed Court and confessed to have taken the first one, which he had sold for 50 cents. He was given a week in jail.

Dame Adelaide Anderson and Dr. H. Shih, of the Boxer Indemnity Commission, paid an official visit to the Christian Literature Society offices in North Szechuen Road, Shanghai, on May 3. There were interesting speeches, and an important suggestion was made by Dr. MacGillivray, namely, that a professorship of the Chinese classics should be founded in memory of the late Professor Legge who did more during the last century to make known the Chinese Classics to the West than any other single man.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wakeford have returned to Singapore from leave by the "Katori Maru."

Mr. John Cuthbert has been granted a licence to act as Pilot in the district of Penang.

The Sultan of Kelantan, K.C.M.G., has promoted Captain H. A. Anderson, Chief Police Officer, to the rank of Commissioner of Police, Kelantan.

Dr. A. L. Murison, who joined the Singapore Government Medical Department in 1920, retires under the age limit. It is understood that Dr. A. S. M. Douglas, who arrived early this month, takes his place.

The many friends of M. R. H. Charles will learn with regret that he was removed from his home, yesterday, to the Government Civil Hospital. Mr. Charles has been in poor health for some weeks past, but his present ailment is a septic throat.

Lieut.-Colonel P. T. Etherton, formerly British Consul-General in China, and author of "In the Heart of Asia," describes the civil war in China as mainly due to the insatiable greed of the rival Governors for wealth and power. Li Hung-chang, the greatest Statesman China ever produced, once said that the value of a post was in proportion to the money you could make out of it, and from that, says Lt.-Col. Etherton, you can trace the underlying principles of Government.

The death occurred at the Langham Hotel on April 6, at the age of 91, of Sir John McLevy Brown, C.M.G., LL.D., Counsellor to the Chinese Legation in London. Sir John, who had been confined to his bed for the past three years, was an LL.D. of Trinity College, Dublin, where he was a student under Dr. Bryce. He was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1882. He was an authority on Roman law, a classical scholar of distinction, and a great linguist, with an extensive knowledge of both Oriental and European languages, and their literatures. Sir John had been a widower since 1911.

Mrs. A. C. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Mackean and Mr. J. A. Stewart left British North Borneo on April 14 on long leave.

Dr. Solf, the German Ambassador, arrived in Kobe on April 29, and stayed at the German Consulate. He laid the corner stone of the new Club Concordia at Yamamoto Dori, 2 Chome, on May 1.

Devonport, April 28.—After spending Sunday with Lord Milford, his Imperial Highness Prince Chichibu to-day visited the Devonport Dockyard, and lunched on board the Battleship "Hood" as the guest of Rear-Admiral Cyril Thomas Fuller.

Rome, April 30.—It is said that Pope Pius XI has refused to grant an audience to Douglas Fairbanks and his wife, Mary Pickford, on the ground that both were divorced. A later message has it that Douglas Fairbanks has not requested an audience at the Vatican.

San Francisco, May 1.—The 28th anniversary of the Battle of Manila Bay was celebrated to-day with a patriotic ceremony at the base of the Dewey monument in Union Square. Merriek Creigh, who was Admiral Dewey's yeoman on the famous dash from Hongkong to Manila, was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Gourlay, a partner in Sir Alexander Binnie, Son and Deacon, consulting engineers for the Gumong Pula water scheme, has arrived at Singapore, and will take charge of the work for two months while Colonel H. L. Pearson, chief resident engineer of the scheme, is away on leave in Southern India.

Rome, April 28.—John Adams Abbott of Boston, Mass., a descendant of President Adams, was sent to jail to-day following a fight with his Roman guide whom Abbott punished severely. Abbott was charged with assault and also with using remarks derogatory to Premier Mussolini which a new law makes a prison offence. Associated Press.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

FALL THROUGH?

INTERPORT CRICKETING TEAM.

THE MALAYA TOUR.

Difficulty in Getting Up Hongkong XI.

"Hongkong" cricket team to visit Malaya has not been definitely selected. Although our team is due to leave on May 20, it is not certain that the projected tour will come off.

I understand that there has been difficulty in getting up a team to travel. Some time ago, a tentative list was sent down to the Singapore Cricket Club, as follows:—

R. Hancock,
E. B. Reed,
A. C. L. Bowker,
J. C. Lyall,
Rev. T. B. Powell,
A. W. Ramsay,
Captain C. D. Armstrong,
Captain E. W. Morris,
Captain R. A. Walters,
C. Q. M. S. A. W. Stripp,
H. N. Balhatchet, and
H. V. Parker and H. Owen Hughes.

I am told that Lyall, Captain Armstrong and Owen Hughes are unlikely to go and that Parker may also have to cry off.

Hongkong would be strongly represented if the team went as intended. But that is, apparently, not to be. A meeting is to be held this week when a final decision will be made.

—W.P.C.

RUGBY MATCH.

COMBINED INTERNATIONAL TEAMS.

SATURDAY'S FUNCTION.

The England-Wales team for the international rugby match (which will open the new King's Park ground on Saturday) has been chosen as follows:—

Back: H. J. Armstrong; three-quarters: G. P. Lammert (captain), A. S. Hett, A. C. L. Bowker, H. H. Skinner; halves: C. D. Wales, Lt. Com. C. M. Bullin; forwards: H. Foster, R. W. Lee, Lt. M. B. Sherwood, Lt. C. E. Robinson, Lt. Com. W. S. Green, W. L. Smith, S. N. Garrard, A. B. Acott.

Reserves—Forwards: Pay L. J. A. Hussey, Lt. Sharkey, Armstrong, Lt. J. W. Studholm; outsiders: E. R. A. Rippington, Mid. Rowe, B. S. Stephenson, L. P. Ralph.

Touch Judges will be Com. W. S. G. Fallowfield and Lt. Com. R. R. Lyle.

Colours, white knickers and jerseys must be worn. Jerseys will be dealt out on Saturday.

Training at 5.45 every evening, at King's Park. A special launch will leave the "Tamar" at 4 p.m. sharp. All players are requested to travel by this launch and to be at the "Tamar" not later than 3.50 p.m.

The following is the team selected to play for Scotland and Ireland:—Back, Stoker Church (H. M. S. Durban); three-quarters, Nicholson (H. M. S. Petersfield), Eng. Com. Mackenzie (captain), E. R. A. Thomas, A. B. Fogarty (all of H. M. S. Durban); halves—A. B. Ball (H. M. S. Durban), J. Morrison (H. K. R. F. C.); forwards, Shipwright (H. M. S. Durban); H. Forsyth; G. Millar (both of H. K. R. F. C.); E. R. A. Hodge; E. R. A. Johns; Ldg. Stoker Jeremiah (all of H. M. S. Durban) and J. Beveridge (H. K. R. F. C.).

[The remaining position will be filled after to-day's practice.]

FOOTBALL.

CHARITY MATCH.

The South China Team and the Navy have kindly consented to play a charity match on behalf of the Sisters of the Precious Blood on the 15th instant at 5 p.m. at Sookumpoo Ground. The British-American Tobacco Co. has also kindly donated 250 packets of Captain, 500 packets of Premier and The Nan Yang Brothers Tobacco Co. 500 packets of Raven to be distributed to the stand visitors of the above match.

HOCKEY.

The following will represent The Wanderers against the 6/2 Punjab Regiment, on the Marine at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Wednesday May 12, in Whites—Sgt. Clark R.A. Lt. J. H. Smith R.A. Capt. Mercer R.M., A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell, Lt. Broome R.N., E. D. Evans, Lt. H. St. L. Nicholson R.N., E. D. Lawrence, Lt. Clark R.N. and G. P. Lammert.

THE AUSTRALIANS.

SECOND DAY'S PLAY AT THE OVAL.

HOBBS OUT FOR 22.

Woodfull Gets Another 100 By "Defence."

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 10.

At the Oval, second day of Surrey v. Australians match: rain delayed start till 3.30 p.m.; 1,000 spectators; wicket soft and lifeless. The Australians (in their first innings) carried their score (from 301 for 6) to 395 runs for 9 wickets and declared the innings closed at tea-time.

W. M. Woodfull (who was 87 not out overnight) made 118 by defensive play, hitting only one four, and batting 3 hours and 40 minutes. H. L. Hendry made 68; J. H. Lockton, the Surrey Amateur, took 4 wickets for 105 runs.

At the close of play, Surrey (in their first innings) were 84 runs for 1 wicket, Hobbs made 22.

The first day's play is described thus:—

[H. L. Collins (captain) won the toss for Australia. At the close of play the visitors had scored 301 runs for 6 wickets.]

W. Bardsley made 34, C. G. Macartney 53, J. M. Taylor made 76 (4 fours) in an hour and 50 minutes. W. M. Woodfull made 87 not out, in a patient innings lasting three hours, which was meritorious considering the tricky wicket and smart fielding.]

HOME RUGGER.

END OF THE SEASON RESULT.

HOW FORM CHANGES.

London, May 1.

The meeting between Newport and Cardiff to-day was one of the last matches of the rugby season. Although on their own ground a few weeks ago Newport were unable to gain a victory they were successful in their visit to Cardiff, for they won an interesting game by 12 points to 3.

Northern Cup Final.

London, May 1.

The final of the Northern Union Rugby Cup competition was played to-day, when Swinton gained a narrow victory over Oldham by 9 points to 3.

DAVIS CUP.

BRITAIN CLEARS THE FIRST HURDLE.

WINS AT SINGLES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 10.

At Harrogate in the Davis Cup (first round, European Zone) Britain beat Poland.

O. G. N. Turnbull (Britain) defeated Czetwertynski 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 and J. D. P. Wheatley beat Kleinadel 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

[Note: An earlier cable gave Britain two other singles victories. A Davis Cup tie comprises four singles and are doubles match.]

HOME ITEMS.

LATEST NOTES AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

London, May 1.

In the amateur tennis championship, open to all-comers, at Manchester to-day, the Hon. C. N. Bruce defeated L. Lees 3-0. Lees represented his University in the annual match in 1924 and, in addition to winning the singles, also won the doubles for Cambridge with W. Ross Skinner.

Bruce, who is also a fine rackets player, having won the amateur title in 1922 and the doubles title—once with E. S. Foster in 1911, and on three occasions since the War with H. Baerlein the holder.

Baerlein is another fine rackets player, four times winner of the rackets singles championship and twice winner of the doubles. Baerlein first won the amateur tennis championship in 1912, and he has held the title ever since 1914.

Amateur Athletics.

London, May 1.

At the Amateur Athletic Association meeting to-day the tug-of-war event, which for two years has been won by the Training Battalion Royal Engineers, was won by the Royal Navy, Chatham.

EPSOM DERBY.

LATEST BETTING PRICES BY MAIL.

WILL RACE BE RUN?

London, May 1.

One of the minor effects of the strike is to render doubtful the continuance of racing programmes in various parts of the country.

Lord Derby's Colorado, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas, leads the way in the latest Derby betting at 100-30, followed by Lord Woolavington's Coronach (who finished five lengths behind Colorado at Newmarket) at 9-1, and Mr. J. P. Hornung's Apple Sammy (third in the Two Thousand Guineas) stands with Captain Blood and Rose Hearty at 100-6; Harpagon 20-1.

MILITARY SPORTS.

INDIAN INFANTRYMEN ATHLETES.

5/2nd PUNJABI SPORTS.

Good results were returned yesterday when the 5th Battalion Punjabi Regiment held their annual athletic sports on the U.S.R.C. ground.

Lt. Col. V. Coates and officers were "at home" for the occasion. Tea was served and the Battalion band played under Mr. L. Larter.

At the close, Mrs. Baldwin (sister of the commanding officer) gave away the prizes and was presented with a bouquet in a silver holder, decorated with the regimental colours.

Results were:—Long Jump.—1, Ahmed Khan; 18ft. 6in.; 2, Sirdar Khan; 3, Gul Sher.

400 Yards.—1, Babu Khan; 2, Shah Din; 3, Gulam Ali. Time: 55secs.

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The Victor Ludorum trophy was won by No. 8 Platoon.

U.S. BASEBALL LEAGUES.

On the morning of May 4, the tables in the U.S. major baseball leagues stood at:—

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	13	3	.813
Chicago	13	5	.722
Cleveland	10	6	.625
Washington	9	9	.500
Detroit	9	9	.487
Philadelphia	6	11	.353
Boston	6	11	.353
St. Louis	4	13	.271

National League.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	10	5	.667
New York	9	7	.562
Cincinnati	8	7	.533
Chicago	8	7	.533
St. Louis	8	7	.533
Philadelphia	8	7	.533
Pittsburgh	8	7	.533
Boston	6	10	.375

STEEPLECHASES.

WHIT MONDAY RACES AT FANLING.

THE DAYS' ENTRIES.

For the Fanling steeplechases on Whit Monday, May 24, entries are given below. The first race starts at 8 p.m.

Race 1, Kwanti Steeplechase, about 1 1/2 miles.—Mr. R. J. Paterson's October, Dr. J. C. Macgown's Drake, Mr. B. Aucott's Egbert, Lt. Com. Fanshawe's Racehorse, Mr. T. C. T. Beck's Harford, Mr. R. H. Charles' New York, Mr. L. Reidy's Mowgli, Mr. W. Boveridge's Dorian, Mr. A. Nissim's Zircon, Mr. A. H. Potts' Two Pairs, Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Emperor.

Race 2, Fanling Hunt Handicap Steeplechase, about 1 1/2 miles.—Mrs. R. J. Paterson's John Smith and Cheriton, Vale, Lt. Com. Fanshawe's Racehorse, Capt. R. G. Sturges' Reynolds and Spaghetti, Mr. R. K. M. Simpson's Smart Guy, Mr. C. H. Turner's Frankie Oyster (late Auchensch), Mr. R. H. Charles' Chessman, Mr. L. Reidy's Naples (late Bay of Naples), Dr. F. Pierce Groves' Curlew Dahlia, Mr. A. H. Potts' Two Pairs.

Race 3, Open Steeplechase, about 2 miles.—Mrs. R. J. Paterson's John Smith and Cheriton, Vale, Capt. R. G. Sturges' Reynolds, Mr. C. H. Turner's Pongo, Mr. R. H. Charles' Tam, Lt. Col. V. Coates' More Better, Mr. W. T. Stanton's Jambu, Mr. A. N. Lucey's Country Mouse, Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Emperor and Unknown Quantity.

Race 4, United Services Race, about 1 1/2 miles.—Dr. J. C. Macgown's Drake, Lt. Com. Fanshawe's Racehorse, Capt. R. G. Sturges' Spaghetti and Harrison, Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Unknown Quantity, Mr. C. H. Turner's Pongo, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Nobleman, Mr. R. H. Charles' New York, Mr. A. E. Greenway's Satisfaction Dahlia, Lt. Col. V. Coates' More Better, Major Bennett's Mark I, Major Peterson's Nightdress, Mr. A. Sugden's Bertram, Mr. L. Reidy's Naples (late Bay of Naples), Mr. A. Nissim's Zircon, Mr. A. H. Potts' Two Pairs, Mr. J. B. Milne's Why Not.

Race 5, Consolation Steeplechase, about 1 1/2 miles.—Mr. R. J. Paterson's October, Capt. R. G. Sturges' Harrison, Mr. T. C. T. Beck's Harford, Mr. A. H. Carroll's Elm Leaf, Capt. Howard's formidable, Major Peterson's Fatty, Mr. A. Sugden's Shot III, Mr. W. T. Stanton's Wahkema, Mr. D. B. Peat's Teddy, Dr. F. Pierce Groves' Curlew Dahlia, Mr. F. S. Gumley's Smart Coolie, Mr. J. B. Milne's Why Not, Mr. M. M. Watson's Alcantra.

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SECOND TIME.

LAWN TENNIS MATCHES NOW DECIDED.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

At the second time of asking, two unfinished matches in the H.K.C.C. lawn tennis tournament (of last week) were decided yesterday.

T. Akiyama beat H. Lo in five sets. Lo had previously disposed of H. D. Rumjahn. Another long duel was that in which R. Hancock and F. A. Redmond beat J. W. Leonard and N. Trambitzky after the losers had led by two sets to one and were ahead in the fourth set.

Both these two matches were abandoned last week after two sets all.

S. A. Rumjahn defeated E. C. Fincher, thanks to a greater variety of strokes and to taking the offensive at the right moment. Fincher left two sets to one but failed at the critical moment, or rather, Rumjahn just rose to the occasion.

Results follow:—Open Singles.—(3rd round) T. Akiyama beat H. Lo 4-6, 8-1, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; (4th round) Yew Man-tsun beat Yew Man-kit 5-1, 10-3, 6-2; (4th round) S. A. Rumjahn beat E. C. Fincher 6-4, 8-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-5.

Open Doubles.—(2nd round) R. Hancock and F. A. Redmond beat N. Trambitzky and J. W. Leonard 6-3, 8-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Club Singles.—(2nd round) R. E. Tottenham beat A. S. Hett 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "A".—(3rd round) Major W. B. Stevenson (owe 2/6) beat W. B. Cornaby (scr.) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "B".—(3rd round) W. L. Dunbar (scr.) beat Rev. T. B. Powell (owe 15) 6-4, 1-6, 8-6.

Handicap Doubles.—T. H. King and C. G. Perdue (scr.) beat J. H. Sutcliffe and R. W. Lee (rec. 3/6) 7-5, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles.—(3rd round) W. W. Fitzroy Williams and Mrs. Williams (rec. 4/6) beat T. G. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett (rec. 3/6) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

To-day's Fixtures.

Open Singles.—(4th round) T. Honda v. T. Akiyama.

Open Doubles.—(3rd round) Major Pratt and Major Stevenson v. L. Baines and G. Miskin; (3rd round) J. C. Broome and J. Newton v. A. S. Hett and E. Grimble.

Handicap Doubles.—(2nd round) A. K. Mackenzie and A. C. I. Bowker (scr.) v. D. J. Valentine and J. R. Craig (owe 3/6).

The lawn bowls season of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club was opened last Saturday, when spoon games were played.

Mr. W. Forsyth (President), asked Mrs. H. H. Scott to present spoons to the winning links, and expressed the hope that as the green was in a better condition than it had ever been, the members would take greater interest in the game.

Mrs. Scott was presented with a set of silver spoons as a memento of the occasion.

Results were as follow:—W. Greig, R. E. Hoare, W. J. Matthews, G. H. White, G. Henderson, J. Punccheon, S. Gray, G. Duncan.

(S.) 29 H. Cooper, W. Forsyth, Jr., J. S. McIntosh, E. Docherty, D. Gow, J. O. McLaggan, (S.) 12.

J. McFadyen, R. J. Goodman, J. Garraway, J. V. Ramsey, W. P. Hedley, J. C. Brown, A. Gourlay, J. McKelvie, (S.) 19.

J. Porter, G. Hudson, H. H. Scott, G. H. Cuthill, F. C. Goodman, W. Forsyth, (S.) 18.

The M. V. "Malayan Prince" will arrive here on Thursday. This vessel will inaugurate the Prince Line fast Motor Vessel Service to and from U.S. Atlantic Coast Ports and the Far East, and is the first of a fleet of five new motor ships, the others being:—M.Vs. "Japanese Prince," "Asiatic Prince," "Chinese Prince," "The Malayan Prince" will remain in port one day only.

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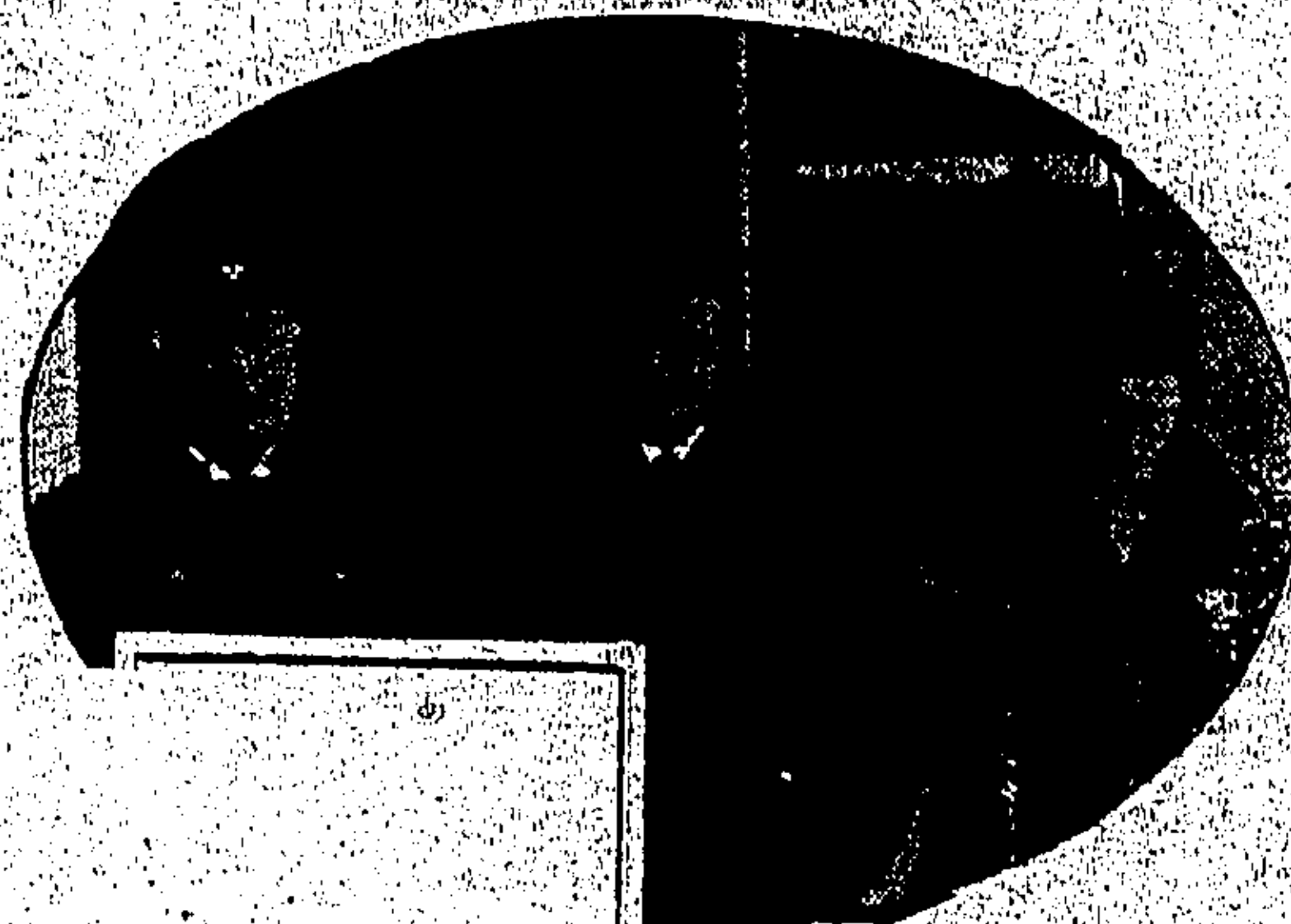
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People and Events in the News of the World



PRINCE PHILIP

Prince Philip of Hesse, whose romance with Princess Mafalda of Italy attracted world-wide attention, was seriously hurt by a fall from a horse.

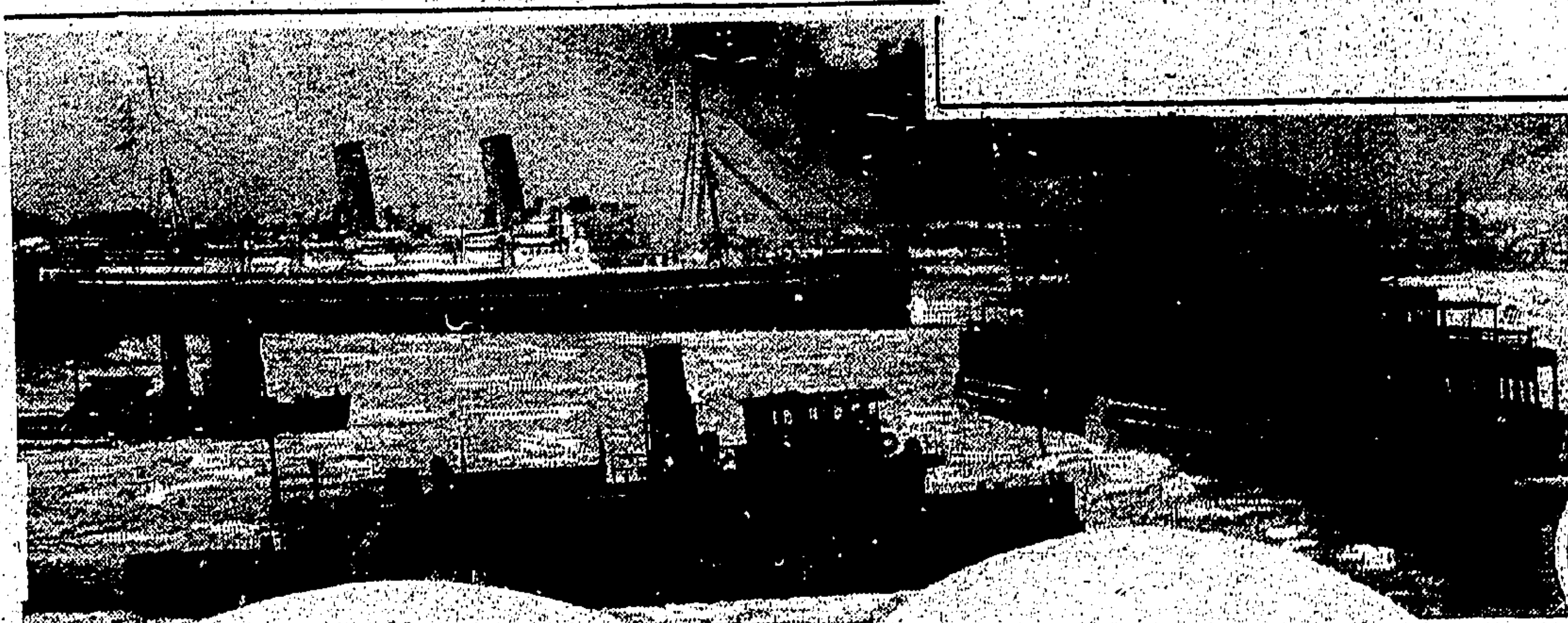


His Honour Robert Randolph Bruce, the new Lieutenant Governor of the Province of British Columbia, shown here on his arrival in Canada, on the Canadian Pacific liner "Montrose." With the Lieutenant Governor are shown his niece, Miss Helen Mackenzie, and Commander R. Landy, of the Montrose.



LADY TERRINGTON

Another British society scandal was expected to be unfolded when the divorce suit of Lady Terrington, former member of Parliament, is to come up for hearing. Lord Terrington has announced that he will defend the action, in which Mrs. Devore Humphrey, who, socially prominent, is named.



The Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of France" as she docked at New York, aided by seven tugs. The vessel has left for sunny climes, on a cruise of the Mediterranean.



The guard of honour at the Coolidge funeral.



PRESIDENT COSGRAVE

President Cosgrave, of the Irish Free State, sent a cordial St. Patrick's Day message of goodwill to the people of the United States.



ARTUR BERNARDES

The absence of President Artur Bernardes of Brazil from the League of Nations sessions was deemed responsible for the blocking of Germany's attempt to obtain entrance.



DR. J. B. S. HALDANE

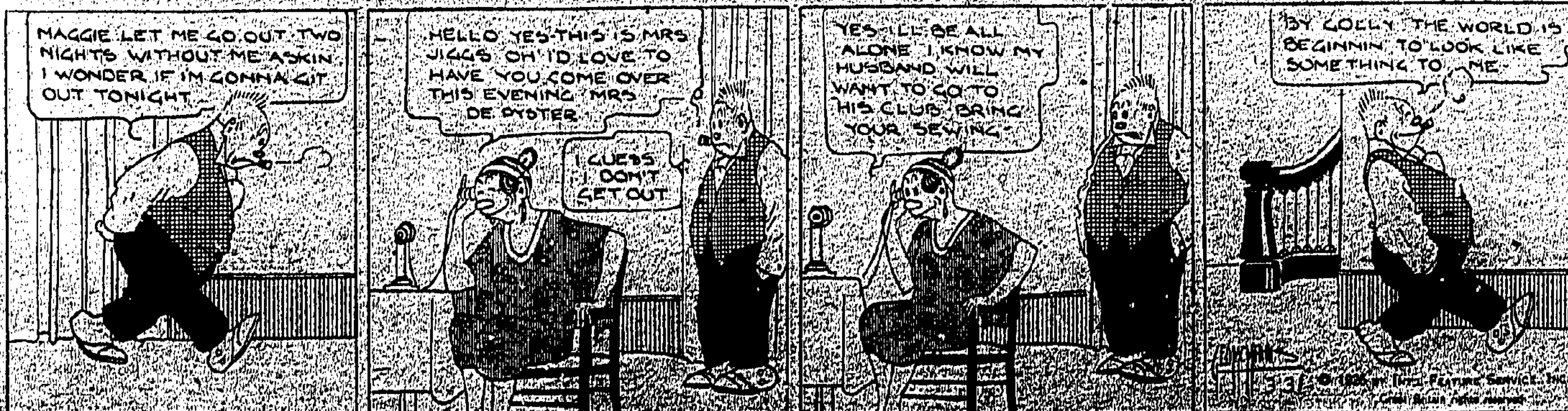
The right of an English University to censor the morals of its professors was denied in the decision ending the case of Dr. J. B. S. Haldane, the famous British scientist, to regain his professorship at Cambridge. Dr. Haldane was named in an undefended divorce suit, as correspondent.

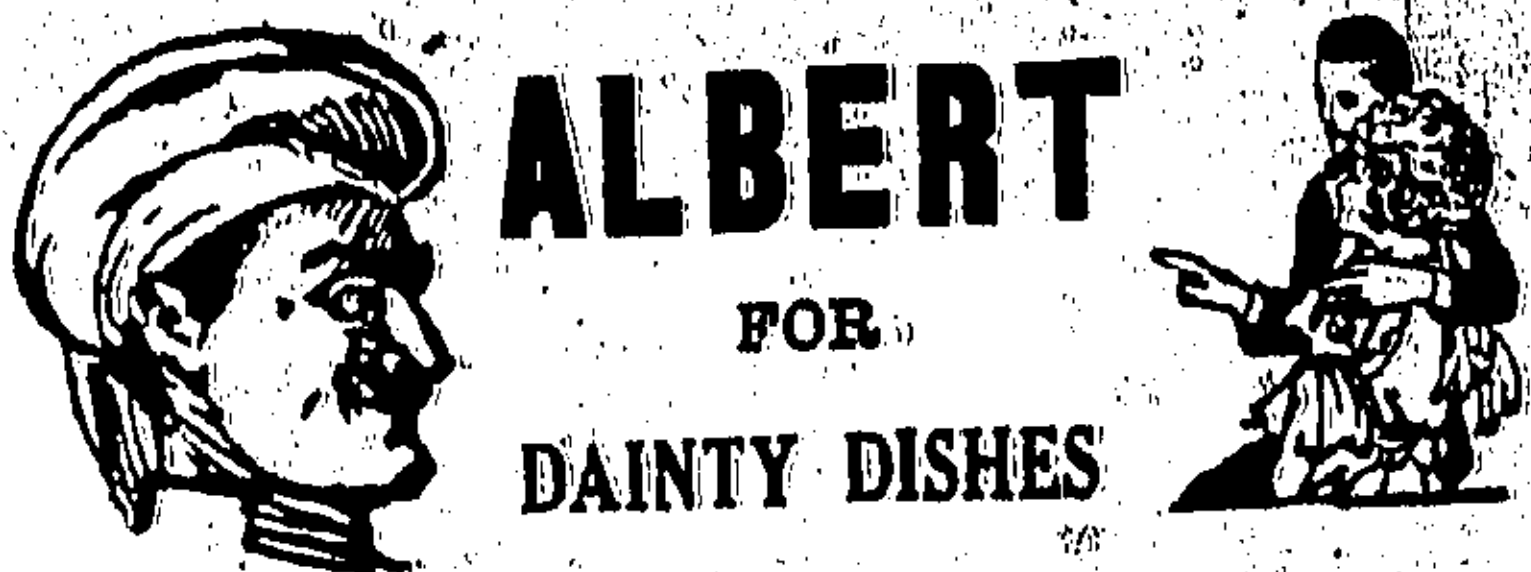
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EUROPEAN AND "RAFFLES" SINGAPORE.

A CONVICTION.

The case in which Mr. Peter Richardson is charged with cheating Raffles Hotel in respect of a cheque for \$1,000 has been concluded in the Supreme Court, Singapore.

A Chinese "boy" from Raffles Cafe was recalled, and asked by his Honour what were the exact instructions that he received regarding Mr. Richardson. Witness replied that he was told that Mr. Richardson was not allowed to sign cheques, and witness served Mr. Richardson on a certain day because he thought Mr. Richardson was going to pay cash.

In reply to accused, witness said that as soon as Mr. Richardson came in the cashier told him that Mr. Richardson was not allowed to sign cheques and he asked Mr. Richardson for cash.

Another boy from Raffles grill-room said he had received no instructions regarding Mr. Richardson.

His Honour reminded witness that on the last occasion he told the court that the clerk had instructed him not to allow accused to sign cheques.

Witness: That was after he had signed the cheques.

Referring to an interview with Mr. A. F. Peate, manager of the Hotel, accused in the witness box, said he was a bit excited and annoyed, having been a customer at Raffles Hotel for such a long time, but he told Mr. Peate that he would give him a cheque. He wrote out a cheque and gave it to Mr. Peate, saying, "It is as good as cash, Peate. Keep it back a few days until you hear from me." Before he left Mr. Peate promised to inquire about witness's luggage, and to send it on to Penang by the night mail if it did not catch the ship. Just before the ship sailed the boy arrived from Johnston's Pier, where he had been fetched by a runner sent by witness, and witness went to Penang. He went to Ipoh, and after he had returned to Penang he was arrested and taken before a magistrate, who released him on personal bail.

Witness sailed for Singapore by the Kinta next day, and when they put in at Port Swettenham, and witness was about to go ashore to see a relative, a Sikh policeman came aboard and handed witness a telegram stating that witness was not to go ashore. At Singapore witness was met by a police inspector and taken before a magistrate, but was immediately released, bail being forthcoming.

Witness went back to the Raffles Hotel, where he was told that he could not have his room, as it was occupied, and he was at first told that he could not have his luggage, but subsequently was allowed to take away some trunks and other property, but part of his luggage was missing.

Cheque "Extorted."

"I maintain that this cheque was extorted from me under threat," said witness. "Had Mr. Peate kept it back for a few days it would have been met. In fact I could have met it in cash a day after I arrived in Singapore." Witness said he thought the complainants had been very vindictive towards him.

At the conclusion of accused's evidence, Mr. Whitley said in view of the suggestion, made by accused on a previous occasion that Mr. Peate had been given notice as a result of this affair, he thought it was only fair to read the following letter from Sarkies Brothers: "With reference to the suggestion made in court, by Mr. Peter Richardson that you were under dismissal, we hereby confirm your denial, and we assure you that we are entirely in accord with the action taken against Mr. Richardson, and there is no truth whatever in the suggestion that your action in this matter does not meet with our approval."

Accused then apologised for having made that suggestion.

His Honour said he arrived at the conclusion that all charges had been proved. The first charge with regard to the cheque was a far more serious one, and he was inclined to take a serious view of it. In view of the point made by the learned Deputy he thought he could dispose of the case by fairly substantial fines.

On the first charge accused would be fined \$250 or in default one month's imprisonment. On the other two charges he would be fined \$50, in each case, or 14 days' imprisonment.

The defendant: Can I give notice of appeal?

His Honour: Yes.

LAND RULES.

DELEGATE SENT TO PEKING.

A TELEGRAM.

A telegram has been addressed by the Shanghai Chinese Ratepayers' Association to the Walchiaopu in Peking to the effect that Mr. Jabin Hsu, one of the directors of the Association, has been elected to go to Peking with the view to presenting the necessary information and opinions in connection with the Association.

The telegram also expressed some opinions, the gist of which were as follows:—(1) that inasmuch as the amendment of the Land Regulations is an important factor in the solution of the problem of equal representation for Chinese ratepayers in the Municipal Council, the Foreign Ministry is requested to negotiate with the Diplomatic Body over the preparatory steps to be taken in connection with the question of amendment, and (2) that since the question of the Rendition of the Mixed Court is one of the important issues connected with the negotiation of the May 30 Affair, the Walchiaopu is urged to propose to the Diplomatic Body in Peking the immediate rendition of the Mixed Court as a fundamental way which shall lead to the organization of a Special Court in Shanghai. Kuo Wan News Agency.



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As regards the chits, witness said that no boy asked him for cash until one day when he did pay cash in response to a request to do so, and he had always paid cash since that time at Raffles Hotel and also at Seaview Hotel and the Grosvenor Hotel.

Cross-examined by the Deputy Public Prosecutor (Mr. N. H. P. Whitley), witness admitted that he owed a large bill at Raffles Hotel at the time he went away.

Mr. Whitley: Judgment has been obtained against you by Sarkies Brothers for \$1,522?—Yes. They have made me bankrupt.

What made you think that in a few days you would be able to meet the cheque?—I had "my provident fund coming, and my salary from my firm."

Were you now owing money all round?—I submit that that has no bearing on the case.

You would rather not answer it?—I don't need to answer it.

An Apology.

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SMALL POX.

A SINGAPORE SHIP CASE.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

A case in which it is alleged the existence of small-pox was not notified on a steamer, was heard in the District Court, Singapore, before Mr. P. A. F. David.

Mr. A. Tucker, the captain and Mr. K. S. Chea, surgeon of the steamer "Kalgan," were both charged with failing to report a case of small-pox, together with Lee Tye Kiah, the chinchew.

Court Inspector Kenny conducted the prosecution and Mr. Layton defended.

Dr. De Cruz, Port Health Officer, said that he examined the ship on its arrival in port. He found a man covering his face with a rag. He diagnosed small-pox of six or seven days' duration. He notified the captain and doctor that he had discovered the case. He thought the rash must have shown itself a day or two after the ship left Amoy.

A Chinese police constable, also gave evidence. He said that he saw a man on the ship with small-pox all over his forehead. He was coming up on deck, with one man behind him and another in front, helping him up the stairs. He spoke to the men because he saw the passenger had small-pox.

It was submitted for the defence that the defendants knew nothing about the case of small-pox. It was not to their interests to conceal such a case. With nearly 1,300 passengers on board it would not be a difficult matter to conceal the case from the chinchew. He had shown that every possible precaution had been taken.

His Honour said that he was satisfied neither the captain, surgeon, nor chinchew knew of the case, but he emphasised that every precaution should be taken. He would have to impose a fine. The captain and the surgeon would be fined \$50 each. The greater responsibility rested with the chinchew, and he had more opportunity of discovering the passenger. He would be fined \$100.

STRAIGHT-LINE WOMEN.

Dr. Christopher Rolleston, medical officer for the Sake of Peterborough, in the course of his annual report, states that nothing has been more striking than the entire change in women's form of to-day as compared with that of the latter part of the 19th century.

In the 19th century a woman's form could fairly be diagrammatically represented by three circles of increasing magnitude, from above downwards, separated one from the other by two isthmuses; but now, in the 20th century, it can be more accurately described by the straight line of Euclid (length without breadth).

ARMS TRAFFIC.

Japanese papers especially the Shanghai "Nichi Nichi" report the arrest of nearly forty arms smugglers at Kobe and Nagasaki by the police for smuggling thousands of rifles and pistols and millions of rounds of ammunition into China. It is stated that the Japanese police have unearthed a list of buyers most of whom are prominent Chinese political and military leaders in the Yangtze Valley as well as in North China, and that the case involves some shipping companies whose officers and sailors are said to be also engaged in this nefarious business. The head of the arms syndicate is a man worth millions who has dealers in nearly every big city in China.—A.N.A.

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